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Sen. Stamas presents White Pine Award for environmental excellence to Grayling couple

LANSING – Earlier today, Skip and Gail Madsen of Grayling were presented a White Pine Award and a legislative tribute for their hard work and dedication to the environment by state Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland.

Longtime Grayling residents, the couple has dedicated themselves to the beautification of Grayling and greater Crawford County. Recently, the Madsens efforts resulted in the Michigan Department of Transportation funding a significant portion of a streetscape beautification project for the south end of the I-75 Business Loop.

“This couple has so selflessly given their time and labor to ensure that Grayling remains a beautiful place to live, work and play,” Stamas said. “Thanks to their hard work and dedication, everyone that travels through Grayling will see the pride and beauty of this wonderful community.”

The Madsens joined Stamas on the Senate floor Wednesday, where he presented them with the White Pine Award for Environmental Excellence and a Senate Tribute for their accomplishment.

Modeled after former President George H.W. Bush’s Thousand Points of Light program, the White Pine Award promotes local environmental activities and recognizes individuals who have made a consistent and enduring commitment to protecting our environment.

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Photo Advisory: a photograph of Stamas congratulating the Madsens is available on the Senate Majority Photowire at:

<http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/Stamas/Stamas.htm>